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LETTER

Sir:

Attached for the Examination's information is a copy of a June 5, 2009 Second Office Action from pending Chinese national phase application No. 200380104905.3 for which Richard Norman Johnson is an inventor, and which is related to the instant application through a priority claim. The European patent document EP 0945916A1 (D1) cited in the June 5, 2009 Second Office Action from Chinese national phase application No. 200380104905.3 has already been cited in Form 1449 previously filed December 19, 2006 and made of record by in the instant application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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